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TUESDAY

Partly cloudy,
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"The fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire" — Rev.

Eighty believed dead in cult blaze

By Laura Tolley
Associated Press Writer

WACO, Texas (AP) — Doomsday cult leader David Koresh's apocalyptic prediction for his followers came true Monday when a raging fire destroyed the compound where

he had held federal agents at bay for 51 days.

As many as 87 members of the Branch Davidian religious sect, including Koresh and 25 children, are believed to have died in the flames, which raced through the wooden buildings in half an hour. Authorities

said cult members set the fire themselves.

The blaze erupted about 12:05 p.m., just six hours after FBI agents began using armored vehicles to pound holes in the complex of buildings and spray them with tear gas in a bid to force an end to the stand-

off.

Eight cult members who escaped the flames are believed by federal officials to be the only survivors, but authorities said they would not know the precise death toll until they could search an underground maze of passageways.

Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern said two survivors were injured critically, one had a serious injury and three have minor injuries, all including burns. One person taken into custody told au-

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Re-starting the engine



Photo by Brett Hall

Football players and others participate in a parade squad scrimmage. The White team won, 12-10. Please Saturday before the annual Green and White Intra- see story, Page 10.

Students may learn to turn chords to cash

By Steve Gady
Reporter

Students interested in crooning for cash may take a cue from Billboard Magazine, which is sponsoring a seminar at the Huntington Civic Center on Sunday.

Dr. Jim Halsey, president of The Jim Halsey Co. Inc., will present a three hour seminar on "How to Make It In the Music Business," Sunday from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$45 and may be purchased at The Pied Piper or WTCR.

"A lot of people [interested in music] don't even know what a demo is," Halsey said. "Seven or eight years ago, a couple of ladies were making the rounds in Nashville. We asked them to leave a demo."

"They said they didn't need to leave a demo, they had their guitars out in the car," he continued. "The ladies went out and got their guitars and had an impromptu performance."

The two women turned out to be Wynona and Naomi Judd.

"There is very little information out there about the music business," said Halsey, president of honor of the International Federation of Festival Organizations. "There are less than 200 colleges and universities that offer courses in the business of music."

He said that when people get out of school, they really don't know the music business. They know about performing, but not about how to deal with attorneys, guilds, stage managers and unions.

For the first time, Halsey will accept recorded songs from seminar participants. "We will listen to one song from each person who gives us a tape," Halsey said. "My associates in Nashville and I will listen to the song and provide a written critique."

The seminar will cover topics such as songwriting, how to be discovered and how to make a good demo (demonstration tape), Halsey said.

Additionally, "we will talk about how to find a good manager, copyright protection and how to make money with your music."

Halsey's career has spanned 40 years in the music industry.

Over the years, he has worked with The Judds, Roy Orbison, Roy Clark, The Kentucky Headhunters and the Oak Ridge Boys, to name a few.

Week promises variety, excitement

'A Few Good Men' highlights Springfest

By Merritt Henderson
Reporter

Finals are lurking around the corner, the sun whispers of summer fun and students are "hanging out" at Springfest this week celebrating the end of another school year.

"Springfest is a week-long celebration to help rejuvenate the students and help them make it through finals," said Raymond Crockett, co-chairman of the Springfest committee.

The week kicked off Sunday with the comedian Carrot Top.

Monday featured "hingin' out" in the student center with a WMUL-FM live-remote, donuts and coffee and a balloon

SPRINGFEST

- 'A Few Good Men' tonight in Marco's at 9:15
- Block Party Wednesday

GREEK WEEK

- Carnival on plaza Wednesday

drop for prizes at noon. Last night's fashion show gave students a glimpse at this year's hottest looks.

The Springfest Committee focused on accessibility and audience variety when planning this year's events, Crockett said.

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Greeks to celebrate with sports, activities

By Kelli Gates
Reporter

The gods may go crazy this week when students cut loose with Zeus.

Marshall fraternities and sororities will celebrate Greek Week with sporting events, a blood drive, a speaker and other activities.

The week's events began Sunday night with Greek Sing when 13 fraternities and sororities competed to see which organization had the most creativity and originality in its presentation and songs. Phi Mu sorority and Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity won.

A Greek Carnival on the Memorial

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thorities that people inside the compound had set the blaze, Stern said.

The person said that as he left one of the buildings, "he could hear above him people saying, 'The fire's been lit, the fire's been lit,'" Stern said.

"We can only assume it was a massive loss of life," FBI spokesman Bob Ricks said in a solemn afternoon news conference.

Ricks said multiple witnesses spotted cult members setting several fires.

One person, Ricks said, "was knelt down with his hands cupped, from which a flame erupted."

FBI agents reported seeing a man wearing a gas mask and black uniform throw something inside, followed by a fireball.

Additionally, Ricks said, a man found Monday afternoon in a bunker on the grounds said lantern fuel had been spread throughout the wooden complex and that the fire was started simultaneously in several places.

Koresh had warned the FBI in a letter last week that agents would be "devoured by fire" if they tried to harm him.

A maze of tunnels was believed to run under the complex, but Jack Killorin, a spokesman in Washington for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said the agency believed no tunnel system would have allowed people to survive the fire.

"It's a bad end and one of the ends we feared from the beginning," Killorin said. "Obviously,

suicide was a concern all along, but the method was different, unexpected."

Attorney General Janet Reno approved the assault and informed President Clinton. The FBI notified the compound's neighbors before daybreak "that it would end today," according to Melanie Felton, a nearby rancher.

Late in the day, Reno said the FBI's assault had been carefully planned over several days. She added that she "could not give the president that assurance" that the agents could prevent a mass suicide such as the cyanide poisoning that killed 913 people at Jonestown, Guyana, in 1978.

The fire erupted while television cameras provided live coverage of an armored vehicle

battering a hole into the compound's first story. Moments before, the mother of one cult member had voiced her fear in a telephone interview about what might happen.

"It's impossible to know how he (Koresh) will respond," said Balenda Ganem, mother of cult member David Thibodeau. "When you're under great stress and great fear, you rarely respond responsibly. We hope he will."

Thibodeau was one of the eight survivors.

Agents in the predawn tear gas assault were met by gunfire, at least 75-80 rounds, the FBI said. The agents continued ripping holes in compound buildings throughout the morning.

GREEK

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A Greek Carnival on the Memorial Student Center plaza Wednesday will also be judged on originality and creativity.

Participating groups will set up booths.

A donation give away will be sponsored as well. Proceeds from the carnival will go to the Huntington City Mission.

Andy Hermansdorfer, coordinator of Greek Affairs said,

"The purpose of the week is to get all Greeks working together and help the community."

In addition to the donation to the City Mission, the sororities and fraternities also will participate in the Blood Drive Wednesday.

Because of their size, Black fraternities and sororities have not actively participated recently in Springfest.

Wednesday, Black Greek Council will perform a step show at the Greek Carnival.

SPRING

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Co-chairman Oneeka Monroe said, "The week is supposed to be packed, and I'm glad Greek Week and Lambda Week are at the same time so students will have more to choose to do."

Tuesday's event is the award-winning film *A Few Good Men*.

Students can expect the street between Hodges Hall and the Intramural field to be

hopping Wednesday night at the 6 p.m. Block Party. Entertainment includes a volleyball tournament, Karaoke, a DJ and booths set up by student groups.

The week gets a double dose of comedy with John Hensen in Marcos on Thursday.

Monroe said the "End of the Year Bash" on Friday in Marcos is a repeat of last year's packed event featuring Charleston area DJ Preston Hall.

The week ends Saturday with a Sci-Fi movie marathon presented by the WARPS organization in Marcos.

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Vigilantes blew up an empty Medellin discotheque near Bogota, Columbia. Bombing of Camasuelta disco Sunday was the sixth attack since Friday by a group called "People Persecuted By Pablo Escobar." PEPES announced a renewed war against the drug lord in response to a car bomb Thursday that killed 13.

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Inmates ready to kill, guard says

By James Prichard
Associated Press Writer

LUCASVILLE, Ohio — Inmates barricaded in a maximum-security prison for more than a week tortured and mutilated a guard who was killed, and they threatened to cut off another guard's hand, newspapers reported Monday.

And the inmates probably would kill their remaining five hostages if authorities attempt to end the standoff by force, one of two guards freed since the uprising began said.

That freed guard has blamed the death of hostage Robert Vallandingham on a prison official who seemed to dismiss the rebellious inmates' threats.

Officials said the inmates will be allowed to consult with a lawyer during negotiations.

The siege began April 11 when 450 inmates took eight guards hostage and gained control of a cellblock at the prison,

Bones in Vallandingham's (dead prison guard) ribs, back, arms and legs had been broken and that the inmates gouged his eyes and cut his tongue off.

The Beacon Journal,
Akron, Ohio

about 70 miles south of Columbus. Seven inmates have died in addition to the guard.

Freed hostage James A. Demons said any attempt to storm the cellblock held by the inmates would cost the lives of the remaining hostages.

"If they try to storm inside that institution, you might as well say they killed those officers," Demons told The Columbus Dispatch in an interview published Monday.

Demons, released Friday as part of

negotiations, said inmates have given the hostages food. "But they said, 'If those guys come in here, we're going to have to kill you,'" Demons said.

The Beacon Journal of Akron, quoting a source it did not identify, reported Monday that bones in Vallandingham's ribs, back, arms and legs had been broken and that the inmates gouged his eyes and cut his tongue off.

Prison officials refused to comment on Demons' remarks, or on the Beacon Journal's story.

The Dayton Daily News reported Monday that riot teams had been poised to storm the cellblock Saturday because inmates had threatened to cut off a guard's hand unless they received food and water.

Prison officials decided against an assault and complied with demands, the newspaper reported, quoting unidentified sources. State corrections spokeswoman Rhonda Millhouse said the department could not confirm the reports.

BRIEFS from wire reports

Hani honored in ceremony

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Millions of blacks across South Africa boycotted work Monday to honor slain leader Chris Hani, who was buried in an emotional ceremony as police clashed with enraged youths.

At least 26 people were killed Sunday night and Monday, nearly all in Johannesburg's black townships, including two people whose charred bodies were found in a house near the stadium where the funeral was.

More than 80,000 grieving blacks honored Hani at a peaceful ceremony in the stadium. Thousands of mourners, unable to get into the packed stadium, stood outside.

Nineteen were killed Sunday in drive-by attacks by black gunmen in the Sebokeng black township.

West Virginian confronts Clinton on waste hazard

IMPERIAL, Pa. (AP) — A persistent West Virginia opponent of an Ohio hazardous waste incinerator said she confronted President Clinton about his stance on the facility, which has been approved for limited commercial operations.

Terri Swearingen said Clinton and Vice President Al Gore have backed down from pledges they made during last year's campaign. The candidates targeted the plant as an environmental danger.

"I said, 'President Clinton, you have to fulfill your promise,' and he said, 'We just met on this yesterday. We're not sure if there's anything we can do, because it was approved under the Bush administration,'" she said.

"He tried to pull his hand away a couple of times and I just held it," she said. "I said that I wanted to tell him what he could do and I wanted a meeting."

Beckley art center stirs criticism, praise

BECKLEY (AP) — An art center to be built near the West Virginia Turnpike in Beckley should help the entire state, an official helping direct the project said.

But others are critical.

Artwork, quilts, woodwork, blown glass and additional items made by residents from around West Virginia will be bought by the state and resold at the center. The state Parkway Economic and Tourism Authority facility, which has not been named, is scheduled to open in 1995.

Cela Burge, director of economic development and tourism for the parkway authority, said the project is a larger spinoff of already successful arts and crafts shops at turn-

pike service plazas.

"It can impact the economy of all of West Virginia, because the items produced are from people all over West Virginia," Burge said. "We are trying to take some of the humps out of industry so West Virginia artisans can make vocations out of what has previously been avocations."

The parkway authority hopes to attract motorists from many of the 66,000 vehicles that pass the center's site each day, Burge said. Studies show there is a growing interest in such crafts throughout the U.S. and abroad, she said.

Some legislators question the authority's use of a windfall stemming from refinancing of bonds.

"There is a great demand for arts and crafts from outside the state."

Sen. Thais Blatnik,
D-Ohio

Burge said the parkway authority has not determined the expense of the art center project, although lawmakers have received information packets indicating it could cost several million dollars.

"I have been trying for a long time to get them to spend the money on something that would bring people in for a few days to stay at our hotels and eat at our restaurants," said House of Delegates Finance Chairman

Bob Kiss, D-Raleigh.

"All this would do is attract people to stop off the turnpike," Kiss said. "We don't need the state to act as an economic middleman."

Sen. Donna Boley, R-Pleasants, said the parkway authority should consider eliminating its tolls instead of development projects.

"If it was up to me I would do away with the parkway authority," she said. "They are out of control. They are using taxpayer money even if they don't think so."

Sen. Thais Blatnik, D-Ohio, defended the project. "There is a great demand for arts and crafts from outside the state. I think the wisdom of this kind of program has been proven."

Srebrenica to be disarmed this week

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Srebrenica's defenders have traded their town for aid and evacuations following fierce Serb attacks on the strategic Muslim enclave in eastern Bosnia.

The cease-fire reached early Sunday amounts to the surrender of Srebrenica. The area is to be disarmed by Wednesday, with U.N. troops taking over responsibility for security.

But many of Srebrenica's fighters resented the agreement, and it was unclear if the cease-fire would last. Many truces

in the Bosnian war have collapsed over the past year.


Outraged by the Serb onslaught, the U.N. Security Council voted over the weekend to tighten sanctions against Serbia, effective April 26.

Serbs are driving for control of eastern Bosnia to connect the region with adjacent Serbia and other Serb-held areas of Bosnia and Croatia and create a "Greater Serbia." Only two other Muslim enclaves, Gorazde and Zepa, remain in eastern Bosnia.

Millions honored on Holocaust Day

HUNTINGTON (AP) — West Virginians joined many people worldwide in honoring more than 6 million Jews who were killed by the Nazis in World War II.


Ceremonies at the B'nai Shalom Congregation included a 12-hour recitation of victims names and the dedication of a memorial Sunday, which was Holocaust Day.



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our view

'Jeans Day' is ridiculous

▼ The Issue: Lambda Society should find a better way for students to show support for gay rights

For the third straight year, Lambda Society is sponsoring Gay Pride Week.

Considering the embarrassment the university suffered more than two years ago from students who refused to accept the initial Gay Pride Week, it appears the organization has made significant progress in promoting gay awareness and civil rights.

However, one aspect of the pride week has only hurt Lambda Society's cause. Of course, this is the infamous "Jeans Day."

Students who support homosexual rights are asked to wear jeans Thursday.

This request is ridiculous. Although we support Lambda Society's cause, promoting "Jeans Day" is the wrong way to address it.

For one, the jeans request will only alienate people during a week that should be aimed at getting students to listen and try to understand.

Second, jeans are just too common. Will the number people wearing jeans Thursday be a true picture of how many students support gay rights when a majority of students wear jeans anyway?

Many students are commuters who might not hear about "Jeans Day" until they arrive on campus Thursday morning. A percentage of students probably will be misrepresented.

Furthermore, it's spring and temperatures are expected to remain in the mid-70s throughout the week. If Thursday is a nice day, why should someone who prefers to wear shorts have to dress in jeans to express support for gay rights?

Lambda Society should instead pass out ribbons or something else to show support for gay rights. After all, yellow ribbons worked fine during the Persian Gulf War.

Instead of asking students to wear something they wear everyday to support gay rights, why not encourage supporters to stand up for what they believe by wearing something out of the ordinary instead of blending in with the rest?

Come on, Rod \$50 million bucks?

It has now been proven that Rodney King's civil rights were violated during his March 1991 videotaped beating by Los Angeles police officers.

The incident outraged most Americans, for it was a perfect example of police brutality in what's supposed to be a civilized country.

Naturally, many people felt sorry for King. That sorrow increased last April when an all-white jury acquitted the four officers charged in the case.

But now it's clear he is taking advantage of the situation by suing the city of Los Angeles for \$50 million.

There's no doubt King's excessive beating was criminal, but \$50 million?

Not too bad for a high school dropout and convicted robber. Furthermore, since the beating, King has been arrested for allegedly soliciting a transvestite prostitute, beating his wife and drunken driving.

Charges were not filed in the three cases, but it's obvious King is not exactly a model citizen.

Granted, people usually sue for more than they expect to win, but with Saturday's verdict and the current trend with lawsuit awards, he's bound to get a large chunk of that \$50 million.

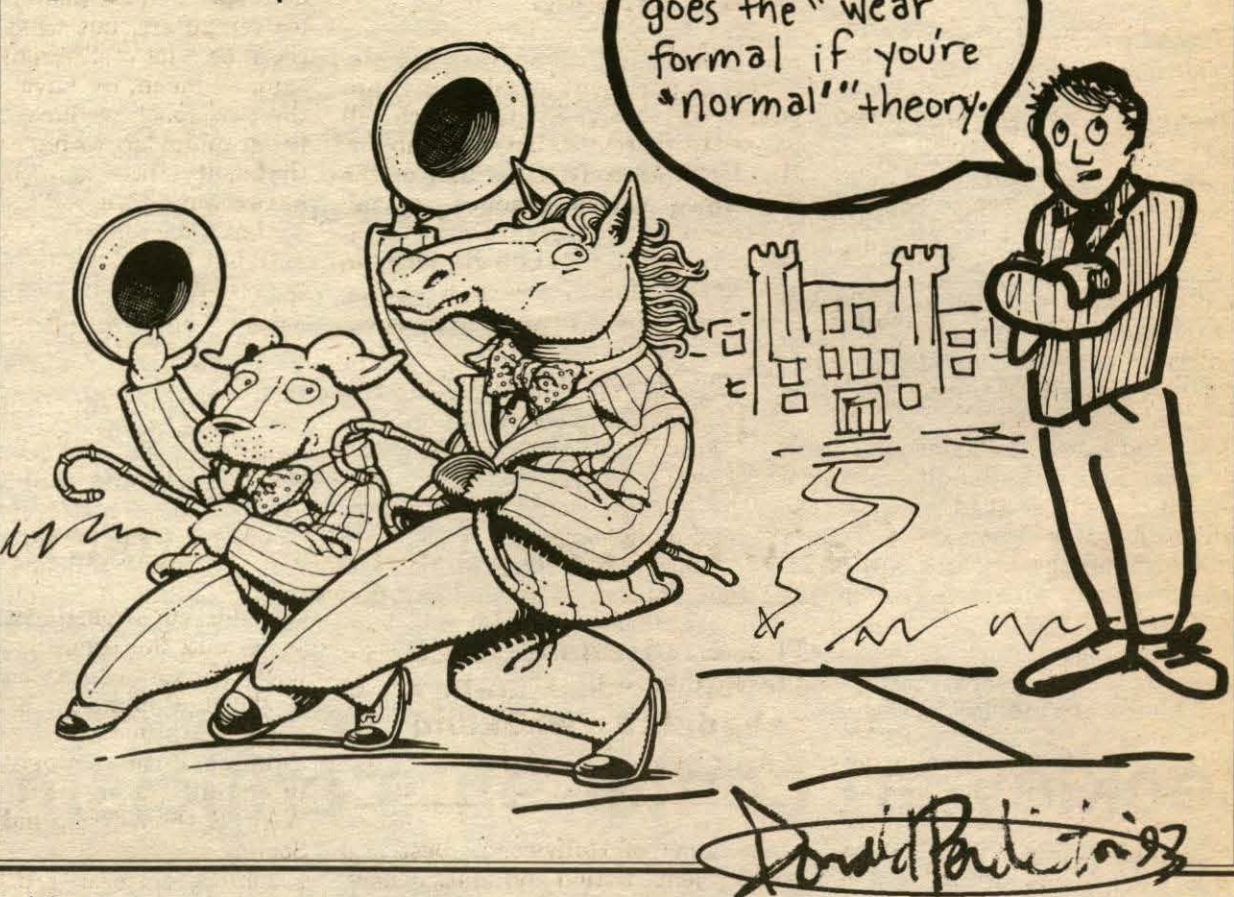
There's no doubt King deserves compensation and some punitive damages, but the crime committed against him should not make him a multimillionaire.

We hope the next judge he faces will agree.

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GAY PRIDE WEEK AT MU.
"JEANS DAY"



letters

Atheist perverts Christianity, Jesus

To the editor:

I cannot sit in silence as a misguided atheist such as Jim Senyszyn attempts to pervert the meaning of Christianity and, in fact, the very person of my Lord, Jesus Christ. His letter is quite unconvincing and easily dismissed.

First of all, yes, Mr. Senyszyn, Deuteronomy 23:18 is definitely about male prostitution, not homosexuality.

But it's hard for me to see how Leviticus 18:22 could be talking about cult prostitution. It says, "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman." If the "male" in this case is a cult prostitute, then this implies female cult prostitution was allowed, but it wasn't (Deuteronomy 23:17).

Neither Matthew 10:14 or Luke 10: 10-12 state that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of inhospitality. Jesus is comparing different levels of destruction, not reasons for that destruction. I think the context of the Sodom and Gomorrah story is clear enough to say that homosexuality was part of their immorality.

The supposed homosexual relationships between David and Jonathan and between Ruth and Naomi appear to me to be no more than deep, loving friendships.

The fact that David and Jonathan kissed no more indicated a homosexual relationship than two men in many cultures today who kiss as a sign of greeting. Nothing in the Song of Solomon is homoerotic. It's erotic, but remember, some of it is from Solomon's bride's viewpoint.

Saying that Jesus was homosexual is speaking ignorance. Considering the passages in the Bible which renounce homosexuality, it would have been impossible for

▼ Letters



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Jesus to have been sinless (2 Corinthians 5:21) and have been a homosexual. Leviticus 20:13 says, "If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination." Romans 1:26-27 reinforces this.

I doubt Mr. Senyszyn can pass off every biblical renunciation of homosexuality as cult prostitution. The fact is, a homosexual lifestyle is displeasing to God. This doesn't mean that God doesn't love homosexuals. Jesus Christ died for everyone, whether gay or straight.

Finally, I've heard enough about how narrow-minded Christians are because of our beliefs. If Jim Senyszyn had a book containing what he believed to be the truth from an almighty supernatural being, he would hold to its doctrines rather than give in to ramblings of an unbeliever.

Unfortunately for Mr. Senyszyn and others like him, they have no book to support their belief. Christians do.

Cecil Adkins
Huntington freshman

Society heading for intolerance

To the editor:

Now that the bomb has been dropped and the smoke has cleared, MU can now safely go about the business of educating its students in a smoke-free atmosphere.

Here I propose a toast to all of us for having managed to "better" society by placing yet one more restriction on ourselves. We are now firmly on the path that will eventually rid society of all human error and vice.

Is there a trend here? Why as a people and a nation, have we become so intolerant of what we consider to be wrongful behavior? Two recent examples come to mind. Two baseball players die in a boating accident and the question foremost in our minds is not "How are their families?" or "What has humanity lost?" but, "Were they drinking?"

A young woman drives into a ravine on I-64 and dies when her car turns over. Her tracks tell us she was speeding and the press reports that she wasn't wearing her seat belt. Somehow her death is now less of a tragedy.

What is this self-righteousness that inclines us to impose sweeping judgments on anyone and anything we think wrong or offensive? With regard to the recent ban on smoking, can we really take pride in an action that bans 30 percent of the public from smoking in restricted areas?

I see a day when we will have become so intolerant of each other that there will no longer be any excuse for human vice or error.

Unfortunately, since human vice and error seem to be that which is specifically human, will there be any excuse, then, for being human?

Joe Bunting
Proctorville, Ohio, grad. student

Departments receive needed funds

By Cindy Pauley
Reporter

Two Marshall departments are receiving a little extra money for purchasing equipment this semester thanks in part to two anonymous contributors.

The Department of Modern Languages and the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications have received amounts totaling \$51,000 from several different sources.

The School of Journalism and Mass Communications will receive \$30,000 which will be used for computers, Dr. Harold C. Shaver, director of the school, said. There was a \$10,000 gift from an anonymous contributor, matching \$10,000 from the Marshall University Foundation "University's Greatest Needs" account, and \$10,000 in state-appropriated funds from the President's Office account.

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The Department of Modern Languages will receive \$21,000 which will be used to improve its language lab, Dr. Harold T. Murphy, chairman of the department of modern languages, said. There was a \$7,000 grant from the Alliance Francaise, a \$7,000 gift from an anonymous donor, and a matching \$7,000 from the "University's Greatest Needs" account.

Murphy said the department began improving the language lab several years ago, and this money will help get it finished.

"It is going to replace the equipment in the last third of the language lab," he said. "For the last eight or nine years, we've been trying to get this done."

Shaver said he has already formed a committee to decide exactly on what the money will be spent. "The president specified the money is to be used for computers, but what that means could be a lot of different things," he said. "I mean, we have computers in the newsroom, we have computers in the graphics lab, we have computers in the faculty offices, and actually we don't have computers in some faculty offices, so that's one consideration."

"What I'm asking the committee to do is to sit down and look at all the possibilities and come up with the recommendations for the faculty to decide as a whole," he said.

Both departments said money from the different sources was unexpected, and a needed surprise.

■ Celebration

Sorority marks 100th birthday

By Kelli Gates
Reporter

Nineteen ninety-three's Greek Week held a double meaning for Alpha Xi Delta members.

This weekend the sorority also celebrated its 100th birthday.

Although Alpha Xi's Founder's Day is April 17, chapter president Lisa Gilkerson said the sorority observes its birthday the subsequent weekend.

This year "Celebrate the Tradition" coincided with Greek Week.

The sorority honored its founders on Saturday afternoon.

According to Gilkerson, Alpha Xi Delta chapters nationwide planned the event at the same time so that all chapters could mark their centennial together.

Alpha Xi Delta alumni were present for the ceremony along with the national rush chairman, Gilkerson said. The group honored the sorority's 10 founders and emphasized that it has been in existence 100 years.

Julie McWhorter, former Alpha Xi Delta president, said the day was special to the sorority because, "We are celebrating 100 years of sisterhood and are honoring those ten women whose insight gave us the principle upon which we shape our lives."

**Celebrate good times,
come on!**

Godzilla and Capt. Kirk set for movie marathon

By John Jimenez
Reporter

Marco's lounge will be filled with the sounds of buzzing light sabers, roaring gargantuan lizards and beeping androids this weekend for the third annual "Science Fiction Movie Marathon."

The 24-hour weekend event will begin 3 p.m. April 24 and last until 3 p.m. April 25, coordinator John Drake said. Throughout the evening prizes will be awarded for Star Trek trivia and best costume contests. A weekend for two at the Raddisson also will be awarded as a door prize, Drake said.

Drake said the marathon will in-

The third annual "Science Fiction Movie Marathon" is scheduled weekend at Marco's.

clude some of Hollywood's best and worst science fiction and fantasy movies. Scheduled films include: "Star Wars," "Highlander," "Godzilla Meets Monster Zero," "Aliens," "Robot Jox," "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan" and "Return of The Living Dead."

Several short features also will be shown, including "Bambi Meets

Godzilla," clips from the Ren and Stimpy show, and the time-warp scene from Rocky Horror Picture Show, which will be shown at midnight.

The marathon is being sponsored by Campus Entertainment Unlimited, Inter-Hall Government Council and WARPS, the Warring and Role Playing Society.

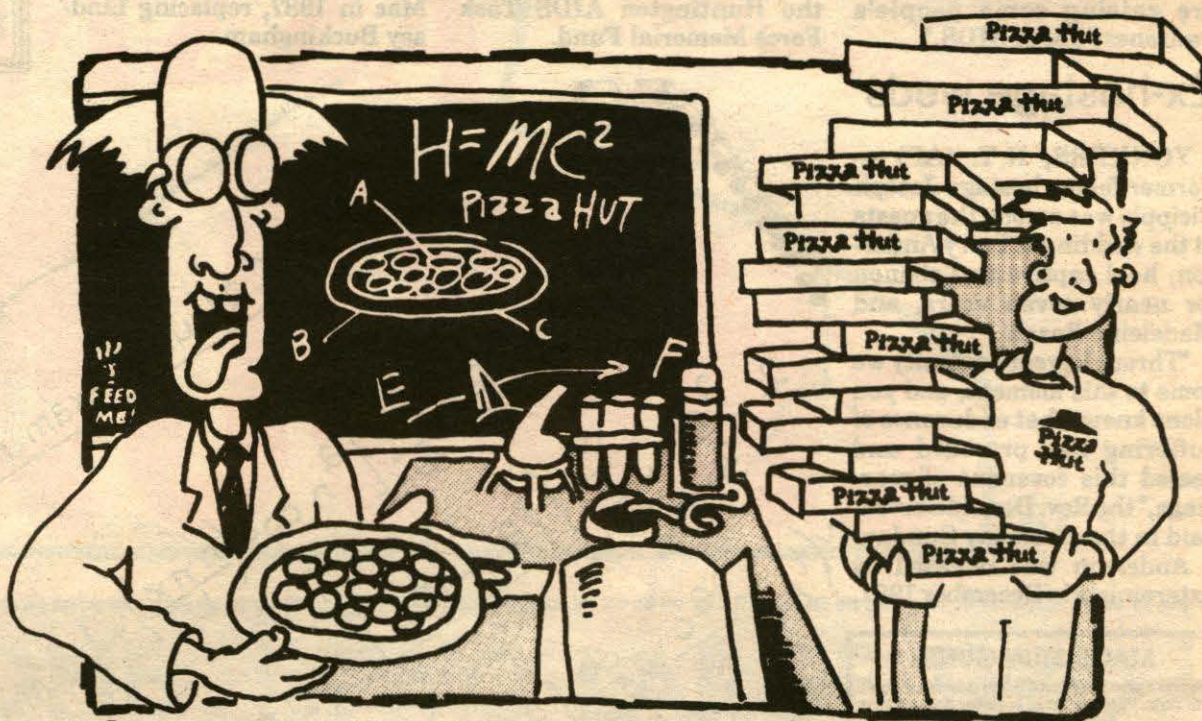
John Sutherland, WARPS president, said, "The only drawback is that we can't serve or allow alcohol. Other than that people can bring whatever food and drinks they want."

During 10-minute intervals between movies, Star Trek trivia contests will be held, Sutherland said.

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Japanese quintet to perform May 2

By Julie Hanlon
Reporter

A well-known Japanese musician who plays the shakuhachi, an instrument similar to the flute, will perform at Marshall on May 2.

The Dozan Katamaya Quintette will perform at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. The concert is free to Marshall students.

The group will perform contemporary and classic Japanese music in solo, trio, quartet and quintet form.

"It's music we're not used to hearing because it's very tonal rather than rhythmic. There is no beat. They produce tones

and mix them," said Dr. Ralph Oberly, event coordinator.

The quintet will use traditional wooden Japanese instruments, such as the koto, juichigen and sangen.

Dozan Katayama began studying the shakuhachi when he was 11. He became "jun-shihan," or associate teacher, at 21 and "dai-shihan," or great, prominent teacher, at 32. He was accepted in 1985 as a special trainee by the Tozan School, where he began studying original pieces of shakuhachi.

The group's other members are Mikiko Imai, Utaho Isida, Utayuki Okaya and Utahayu Maruoka.

Dance collects \$100 for AIDS Task Force

By Jim McDermott
Reporter

Despite a low turnout for the event, a "Safety Dance" sponsored by Marshall's leadership honorary raised \$100 to benefit people with AIDS.

"A lot of people didn't know when it was, and there also wasn't much time to prepare," said Denise Hicks, College of Fine Arts senator.

Raymond Crockett, Omicron Delta Kappa member, said "Turnout has been what we expected. We reached who we wanted to reach. At least we are raising some people's awareness about AIDS."

However, some people who attended were disappointed by the low attendance.

"A lot of people still see AIDS as a gay disease," said Stanley Young, Marshall Lambda Society co-president.

"They don't see this disease as affecting themselves," he said.

Elizabeth Gross, Marshall Lambda Society co-president said, "There's still a lot of work to be done educating people about this disease."

"Ignorance and fear kept people from showing up."

The event raised \$100 for the Huntington AIDS Task Force Memorial Fund.

Ex-hostage weds

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — Former fellow hostage Joseph Cicippio was among the guests at the wedding of Terry Anderson, held captive in Lebanon for nearly seven years, and Madeleine Bassil.

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Anderson was released by extremists in December 1991.

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MU Crime Report

By M.E. Brokke
Reporter

A West Virginia registration plate was stolen from a man's vehicle while it was parked in the G lot, he reported Sunday afternoon.

Two broken waist-high lamps were found by an MUPD officer near the Fine Arts building Sunday morning.

An unknown suspect(s) knocked the sink from the wall of bathroom in the basement of the Memorial Student Center, a man reported 9:30 p.m. Sunday.

A man reported someone stole his wallet containing \$60 and credit cards. The man told the MUPD officer at 10:27 p.m. Saturday that the theft occurred in Marshall's football stadium during the Green-White game.

According to a report Friday, an unknown person(s) used a black magic marker to draw a circle with a slash on an organizational sign owned by the Marshall University Lambda Society. The sign, posted in the Memorial Student Center Plaza, cost \$15.

Unknown persons have been harassing a Twin Towers West resident over the phone since approximately April 7, she reported April 14. She has maintained a log of the phone calls.

A Twin Towers East resident reported a petit larceny. He told an MUPD officer that his Panasonic portable CD player, worth \$140, was stolen from either his room or from his friend's room.

A man and a woman have been harassing

a Twin Towers West resident since January 24, according to a report filed Wednesday. An MUPD officer advised her to maintain a phone log.

A grand larceny was reported April 12. Sometime between April 10 and 12, a Panasonic camcorder (VHS), carrying case and battery power pack were stolen from the Marshall football stadium press box. The stolen items were valued at approximately \$1,500. There are no suspects and there was no sign of forced entry into the press box.

The handle to a water fountain on Holderby Hall's ninth floor was removed early Wednesday morning, resulting in water running continuously. Rugs, ceiling and walls of the eighth floor were damaged.

A woman reported April 13 that she is being harassed by a known woman. The harassment is occurring over the phone at both her residence and on the job. The harasser allegedly warns the woman she will "ruin her social life and black-ball her at work if she doesn't quit dating her ex-husband." She stated she has been harassed since July.

A Holderby Hall resident reported April 13 that her white Brother electric typewriter, worth \$125, was stolen.

A Twin Towers East resident went to bed at 2 p.m. April 12 and when he awoke, he discovered that his wallet had been stolen from his desk. The wallet was worth \$20 and contained \$50, a phone card and credit cards.

A package was removed from the Twin Towers West, according to the report submitted April 12.

One less Mac

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Singer-songwriter Billy Burnette has left Fleetwood Mac to return country music.

"I enjoyed my time with the Mac, and those guys will always be great friends," he said.

Burnette joined Fleetwood Mac in 1987, replacing Lindsey Buckingham.

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by Chuck Fry



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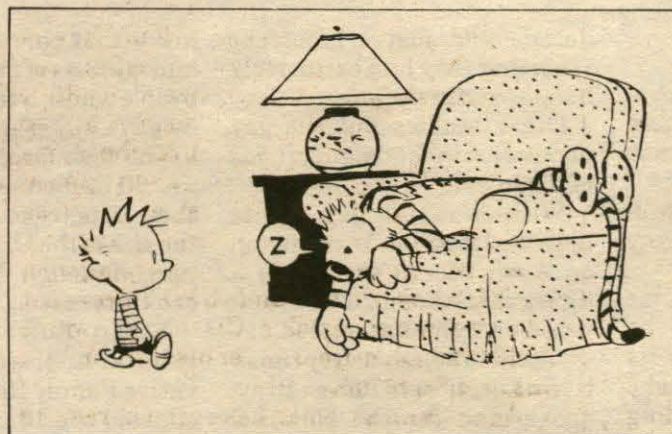
By GARY LARSON

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



Only Bernard, in the front row, had the nerve to laugh at Death.



If there are any mistakes in this issue of The Parthenon, we are sorry. As deadline approaches, editors scramble to make last-minute changes and often, errors are overlooked. Today is no exception. However, deadlines did come earlier than usual ... we all had to go to a party! (P.S. Happy Birthday)

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Classified staff hope pay hike 3-year deal

By J.L. Burns
Reporter

Classified staff pay raises approved by the Legislature is seen as a good start by some, but other staff members aren't sure raises will continue in years to come, said Johnathan T. Brown, vice president of Classified Staff Council, said.

"We have to be able to be sure they don't sweep us over to the corner and say 'There, there's your \$1,500 and stay quiet for another three years,'" Brown said.

Gov. Gaston Caperton has

Classified staff asked the Legislature for a \$1,500 across-the-board raise this year with additional raises for two more years.

been advised by legislative leaders to veto the bill, so it can be sent back to conference committee for changes. Certain parts of the original bill need to be taken out and some of the wording in the bill needs to be changed before it is signed into law, Sherri Noble, Classified Staff Council president, said.

Brown said he's confident the

governor will sign a revised bill.

"What I think they'll do is have the governor veto it, send it back to committee to make the changes and send it back to the governor to be signed," Brown said. "I'm not worried about it."

Caperton, in his state of the state address, proposed classi-

fied staff members in all West Virginia colleges and universities receive a \$1,500 pay hike.

Originally, the state classified staff wanted pay equity among all West Virginia colleges and universities instead of across-the-board pay raises.

Staff Council met with Board of Trustees Chancellor Charles W. Manning in March to express concerns about plans to reclassify state university and college classified staff and implement pay equity among employees.

During the meeting, staff council recommended the Leg-

islature give across-the-board pay raises by July 1993 and delay implementation of the reclassification system until July 1994.

The proposed classification system will go to a special committee for reevaluation and will be resubmitted to the legislative oversight committee and the Secretary of Education and the Arts by November 1, 1993.

If passed, the new classification system will go into effect Jan. 1, 1994.

"We'll be watching the committee's every step," Noble said.

Kids seek role models

By Kelli Gates
Reporter

Marshall students will have the opportunity to become a Big Brother or Big Sister this week.

Big Brothers Inc. and Big Sisters of America will be on campus, recruiting students this week.

Patty Price, Big Brothers and Big Sisters representative, said the organization is always looking for volunteers.

She said some students are not within age guidelines, but students who are 21 years old can become a big brother or sister.

Price said the organization asks for the volunteers to make a commitment to the child for several hours, once a week. She said the activities do not have to be money oriented.

The volunteers have as much fun as the children, she said.

Once a person has been accepted as a volunteer, they must go through a training program.

The purpose of the training is to get the volunteers to realize they cannot change the child and their purpose is to be a friend.

Volunteers are trained to listen and to talk to the children. Officials say this is the most important thing the Big Brother or Big Sister must do.

"The program helps a lot of kids get out and do things they normally wouldn't get to do," Tammy Wright, a Marshall student and Big Sister said.

The two have many activities they share. Wright said their favorite activities are horseback riding and Marshall football games.

"I don't have any brothers or sisters so Annie is like a sister to me," Wright said.

Recruiters will be in the Memorial Student Center at the end of this week.

Study says less than 10 percent are gay

By Kim I. Mills
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — For more than 40 years, gay Americans have taken refuge in one small statistic: 10 percent — the proportion of the population many believe to be homosexual.

But that number has come under attack recently — by researchers who question its source, and conservatives who say homosexuals are padding their numbers to promote a gay civil rights agenda.

Last week, the Battelle Human Affairs Research Centers in Seattle released a survey on male sexual habits that found only 2.3 percent of men age 20 to 39 reporting any homosexual activity in the past

decade and just 1.1 percent reporting they had exclusively homosexual relations.

Other studies put the gay population in the neighborhood of 5 percent.

With a major gay rights march slated for Washington on April 25, 10 percent is a figure that's bound to be trumpeted as well as trampled.

"Politically, it's a very sensitive subject," said Robert Bray, spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, which lobbies on gay issues and is sponsoring several events surrounding the march.

"Our opponents would like to say there are 39 of us and we all live in the Castro in San Francisco or Greenwich Village in New York," Bray said. "We

know that there are millions and millions of gay people, and people whose lives are touched by gays."

The task force uses the figure 20 million — slightly less than 10 percent — to describe the size of the U.S. gay population, although Bray said he can't prove it.

Robert Knight, director of cultural studies for the conservative Family Research Council, said the 10 percent figure "has been used with great effect by the gay rights lobby to

press for political power and extra civil rights protections."

"It's been used to tell businessmen that 10 percent of their work force is gay and that they should accommodate them like they do African Americans," Knight said. "And it's been known for years that the figure's been off, even by gay activists who use it."

The figure came from the first large-scale survey of sexual behavior among American men, conducted by Alfred C. Kinsey in 1948.

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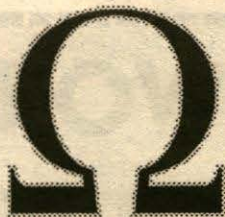
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Charlie Oscar Erickson, a cable television pioneer and philanthropist, died Sunday.

After his retirement, Erickson contributed more than \$2.5 million to state colleges and universities. Marshall's Erickson Alumni Center is named after the philanthropist.



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Alumni donator dies at 80

PARKERSBURG (AP) — Charlie Oscar Erickson, 80, died Sunday at Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital after an extended illness.

Undaunted by the doubts of the banking community and armed with rolls of U.S. Army surplus cable, Erickson began in 1949 to bring television to homes in the hills and hollows of Logan County.

"My initial thinking was cable systems would be all over the United States. That's proved to be true. The banks thought it would be here for a while and disappear," he said

in 1992.

A native of southern West Virginia, Erickson moved to Parkersburg in the 1960s where his Durfee's TV Cable Co. flourished.

He sold his cable interests in 1981. After his retirement, Erickson donated more than \$2.5 million to West Virginia colleges and universities for establishment or expansion of alumni centers.

Erickson also established a salon at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., that offers free facials and skin treatments to women with chronic

illnesses.

The salon also provides free wigs to women and children who lose their hair in cancer treatments.

In 1992, Erickson also donated \$300,000 to the Wood County Board of Education for the restoration of a stadium at Parkersburg High School.

He also donated 18 acres of land for another stadium for Parkersburg South High School.

Erickson is survived by a son and two daughters.

Services are scheduled for Wednesday in Parkersburg.

Farm Aid lives 8 years later

By Steven P. Rosenfield
Associated Press Writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — After almost eight years, Willie Nelson's fund-raising concerts for needy farmers still have as much to do with raising awareness about rural America as they do with raising money.

The farm economy no longer is on its knees, as it was in 1985 when Farm Aid was born. Yet an estimated one in 10

farmers remains overwhelmed by debt and times are getting tougher for many others.

Some economists believe the farm recovery peaked in 1989.

"The proportion of farmers in a crisis situation is less today than in 1985, but it's still a problem," said Don Ralston, administrator of the Center for Rural Affairs in Walthill, Neb. "The more public awareness of this, the better."

Among the dozens of performers lined up with Nelson to get that point across are Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson, Neil Young and John Mellencamp.

Hosts include Roseanne and Tom Arnold, Yakov Smirnoff, Lou Diamond Phillips and Williams & Ree.

Farm Aid VI begins at noon Saturday at the 50,000-seat Cyclone Stadium at Iowa State University. The 2,000 choice reserved seats have already sold out at \$46 each.

Concertgoers also were asked to bring canned goods and other non-perishables that will be donated to Feed the Children.

Music won't be the only medium for the save-the-farm message.

On the eve of the concert, a congressional subcommittee will convene in Ames at

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Don Ralston

Center for Rural Affairs

Nelson's invitation to hear suggestions on how the U.S. Department of Agriculture can respond better to family farmers' needs.

Farm Aid is roundly applauded for the attention it brings to rural issues and the more than \$14 million it has raised through concerts in 1985, '86, '87, '90 and '92, as well as TV programs and donations.

"Without (Farm Aid dollars) it would have been impossible — not only for us but for others — to provide support," said Ralph Paige, executive director of the Atlanta-based Federation of Southern Cooperatives and Land Assistance Fund.

Farm Aid also helped support the Oklahoma Ag-Link Farm Crisis Hotline, stocked emergency food pantries across rural America, financed legal services and rural rights organizations — even bought eyeglasses for two Iowa schoolgirls.

It has spent close to \$500,000 for education, such as a mass mailing alerting more than 80,000 farmers of their rights in foreclosure proceedings.

Nelson says that while his group has not attracted many new donors, the same people give each year.

"Agriculture is just the bottom rung on the economic ladder," Nelson said.

But, "once you get so far away from the farm and you're in Detroit or you're somewhere in New York City and you have your own problems, you're not aware of the farmers' problems."



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Student fees provide for publication of 3,000 yearbooks. They will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

After Tuesday, May 4, any remaining yearbooks will be available in Smith Hall 320. Students who did not pay the activity fee may then apply for a book.

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Steve Robinson, brought in as a last-minute substitute after champion Ruben Palacio tested positive for the HIV virus, won the vacant World Boxing Organization featherweight title Saturday with a split decision over John Davison.

Filling QB shoes coach's goal

By Marty Belcher
Reporter

It was apparent in the annual Green and White Spring football game that Coach Jim Donnan is looking for a player to "fill the shoes" of graduating quarterback Michael Payton.

After only receiving the starting call when All-American Payton was injured, Todd Donnan will need some help from other quarterbacks.

"Todd has some big shoes to fill," Donnan said about his son. "He's not going to get the numbers the other guys have, but I think he can get us some wins."

Four players are vying for the back up assignment: Chad O'Shea, Louisville, Ky., sophomore; Chad Crookshanks, Milton sophomore; Rob Hale, Batavia, N.Y., freshman; and Mark Vass, Ironton freshman.

"It's probably O'Shea from an experience standpoint," Donnan said. The coach made it clear that the No. 2 position is open to any one of the four.

Todd Donnan played the first

three quarters and completed 12 of 32 passes for 140 yards with one interception.

O'Shea finished the night 9-for-21 for 70 yards with two interceptions. Hale hit 11 of 25 passes for 166 yards with no interceptions and the only touchdown pass of the game.

The Green squad led by Donnan, came up short, losing 12-10 to the White team.

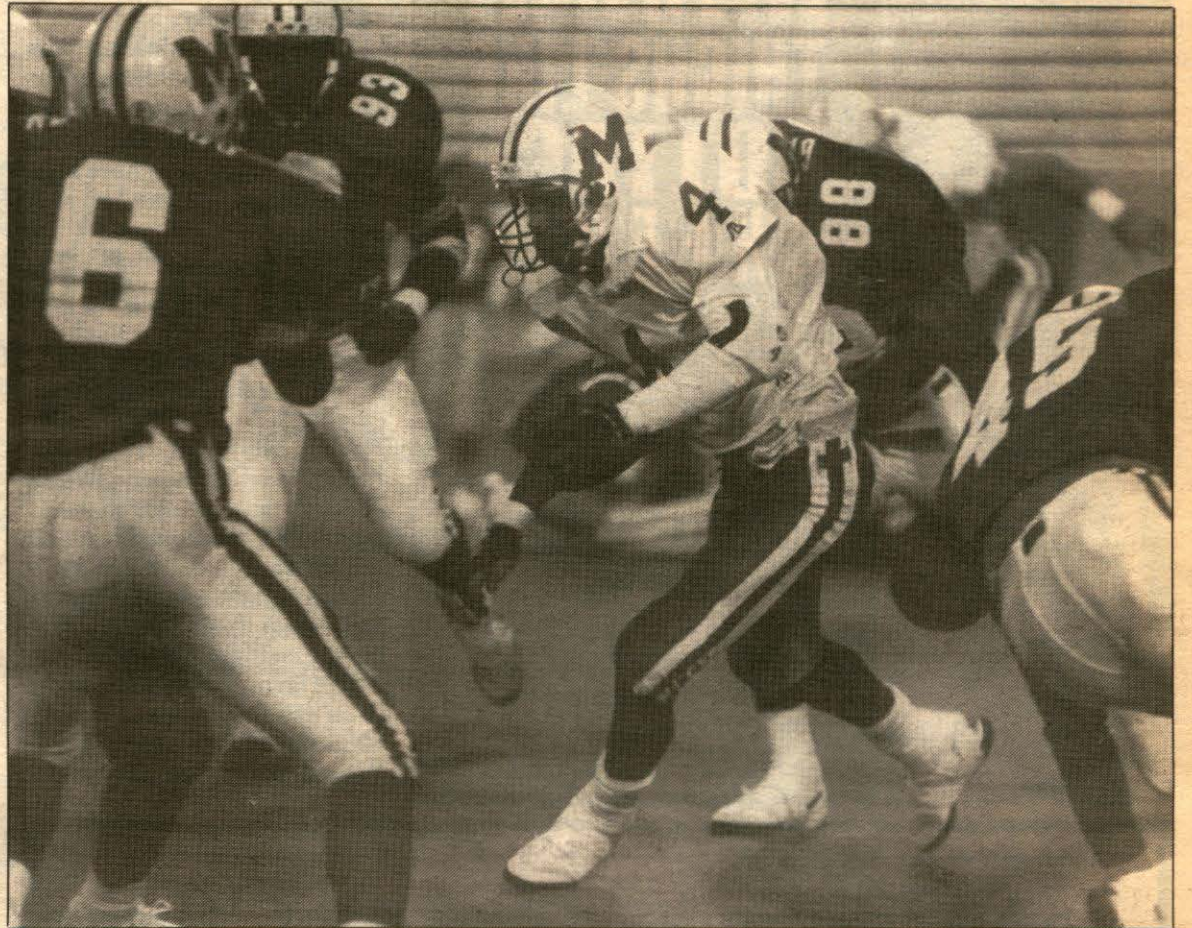
Neither team produced much yardage in the opening quarter when both teams were scoreless.

The White team scored first when Tim Martin, Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., freshman,

caught a 45-yard pass from Hale after a 70-yard drive begun by O'Shea.

Placekicker David Merrick, Worthington, Ohio, junior, sent one through the uprights from 38 yards out, 3:08 before halftime for the Green team's first points.

Once again the freshman took charge as the White team increased its lead after halftime with a second touchdown. The veteran Green Team found the



By Brett Hall

Running back Erik Thomas plows through the defense in Saturday's Green and White Spring

football game. Coach Jim Donnan is still looking for a back-up quarterback for next

end zone for the final score of the game when Chris Grose, Beckley junior, plunged over from the two after five con-

secutive running plays.

Marshall will begin its 1993-94 season September 4 against Morehead State University.

The home game is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Racquetball tournament draws participants from four states

By M.E. Brokke
Reporter

A group of energetic racquetball players converged on the racquetball courts in Henderson Center and spent their weekend indoors to compete in the 1993 West Virginia State Racquetball Championships.

The tournament began Friday night and after three days and 120 matches, Thomas Lovins, State Director of the West Virginia Racquetball Association, said he was pleased with the tournament overall.

The tournament was successful in drawing four new female players to become members of the WVRA.

Eleven women participated in this year's state championship, twice as many as last year.

For their hard work during the three-day championship, first through third place finishers were awarded plaques.

During the interim, Lovins said he plans to conduct three clinics for young players. Pro Kennex donated 36 racquets for this purpose and with help from people in Charleston, Parkersburg and Wheeling, the clinics should be successful, he said.

Local business people supported the weekend event.



Parthenon file photo

Although he had to solicit their support, they were more than willing to help, Lovins said.

The tournament drew participants from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio.

Participants competed in eleven divisions divided into men's, women's and doubles this weekend in the 1993 West Virginia State Racquetball Championships.

Herd tennis team places sixth in SC

By Shawn Sizemore
Reporter

The tennis team placed sixth at the Southern Conference tournament in Davidson, N.C., this weekend.

Lisa Sucheski, Hudson, Ohio, freshman, took fifth place in number five singles defeating Appalachian State's Kendra Stallings.

"She [Sucheski] really came on as a freshman, I was really proud of her," said coach Lynn McLeod.

Sucheski teamed with Paige Pence, Cross Lanes senior, to place fifth in No. 2 doubles.

"I think Paige played well this weekend, and I'm going to miss playing with her," she said.

In earlier rounds, Sucheski lost the final set in a tiebreaker against Georgia Southern's Corrice Capece. Sucheski said she is looking forward to playing Capece, also a freshman, again.

The settings in the tournament are determined by the regular season outcomes, and McLeod said she feels that hurt the team.

"The Huntington weather hurt us," she said. The team didn't get enough matches in the regular season because of rain and snow, she said.

Furman won its third consecutive tennis tournament championship, but the Lady Herd finished sixth compared to third place finish last year.

"I was very disappointed with the outcome. We played with a lot of injuries. We'll do better next year," McLeod said.

Both Sucheski and McLeod are confident about next year. The 1993-94 team will only be short two seniors from this year's squad; Pence and Amy Protzman from Huntington.

McLeod is planning to bring in more recruits from West Virginia next year to help the Lady Herd tennis team. "Hopefully the girls will play over the summer, and next year we won't have any injuries."



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Weekend sucessful for Herd

● Golf

The golf team finished second in the Firestone Intercollegiate this weekend in Akron.

The Herd finished with a 913 total, behind Kent State's winning 902.

Eric Schaffer, Fairmon senior, was Marshall's highest finisher. He finished with a 223 and tied for second place with Jason Samuelson of Northern Illinois and Garry Winger of Bowling Green. The individual winner was Kevin Kraft of Kent State with a 218.

Johnathan Clark, Mifflintown, Pa., freshman, tied for fifth with Wright State's Sam Arnold and Kent State's Rob Wakeing. All three shot a 225.

The Herd then flew to Charlotte, N.C. for the Southern Conference Tournament which finishes up today.

● Baseball

Relief pitcher Steve Diamond, Ceredo sophomore, earned his first win of the season Sunday as the baseball team captured a 8-7 victory over the Citadel at St. Cloud Commons.

The Bulldogs lead going into the home half of the ninth inning, 7-6.

Then Marshall batters came to the rescue with back-to-back doubles, scoring the tying and winning runs in the bottom of the ninth.

The victory gave the series honors to the Herd winning two of the three games from the Citadel over the weekend.

Marshall lost the first game Saturday 3-0 with pitcher Matt Spade, Boyertown, Pa., sophomore, took the loss.

The Herd won the second game Saturday 3-2. Pitcher Ricky Paugh, Bridgeport junior, allowed six hits, walked nine and threw 12 strikeouts in the victory.

Catcher Shane McComas, Huntington senior, drove in two runs in the game, and Jon Robertson, Huntington sophomore, drove in the third and winning run.

Marshall returns to home action today with a 3 p.m. game against Pittsburgh University (Pitt). The Herd is scheduled to play two more home games this week.

Wednesday, April 21 vs Morehead State at 7 p.m. and Thursday, April 22 vs Eastern Kentucky at 7 p.m. will prepare the Herd for Southern Conference action this weekend at Davidson University.

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AP Entertainment News

Fans lining up for a book-signing by beat poet Allen Ginsberg got more than a simple autograph — they got a work of art.

Ginsberg, 66, drew ornate flowers and stars in the books while chatting with customers on Saturday. When his supply of books sold out, Ginsberg sold doodles on paper in exchange for a donation for the Nyare Khantsan Monastery in India.

Ginsberg, a Buddhist, was in Lincoln for a benefit performance for Tibetan monks living in southern India. His visit was sponsored by a local Buddhist group.

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Color factor

By Julia Farley

[One] patient actually thought I was the devil just because I have red hair.

Mike Milam,
public safety employee

Many students say different moods are evoked by certain colors.

"Colors may have slight effects on people's attitudes by making them feel calmer or more excited," said Dr. Helen Linkey, assistant professor of psychology.

Kerry L. Goff, Elkins freshman, said she believes colors have effects on people's emotions and moods.

"Blue is a spiritual color that has calming effects, red is a vitality color that increases energy and black is the most attractive color that attracts heat and energy," she said. "All of these colors affect emotions."

Goff said she thinks colors not only affect people's moods, but moods may also dictate the color of clothing a person chooses to wear. "If people are upset, they are drawn toward dull colored clothing. But people who are in better moods usually wear lighter, more cheerful colors that reflect their mood."

James Potter, Princeton freshman, said he often chooses clothing based on his changing moods. "When I am in a bad mood, I usually wear black. But when I am in a good mood, I wear light colors like yellow or blue. I have also noticed that the colors my friends wear usually reflects their moods, too."

Potter said he surrounds himself in darker colors because they match his personality. "My room is in evergreen and darker colors because I think those are more serious colors, and I am a more serious person."

Mike Milam, public safety employee, said colors that are pleasing to the eye may have similar effects on people's emotions.

"Some colors are just irritable to see, like red, and that can produce irritable feelings. But gray and light blue are

soothing and more comfortable for the eye."

Milam said his previous job at Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center helped give him insight into how the colors of an environment may affect a person's emotions. "At first, all the rooms in the psychiatric ward were bright green, yellow, and dark blue. But after the administrator read a survey about colors and their effects on patients, all of the rooms were painted powder blue, pink, and green because those colors were supposed to keep patients in calmer moods."

Milam also said the color of his hair produced hostile responses from some psychiatric patients. "I had a lot of trouble with patients, especially paranoid patients, because many of them identified my red hair with the devil," he said. "One patient wouldn't come near me at all, and another patient actually thought I was the devil just because I have red hair."

Linkey said even though darker colors like black or brown are not as cheerful as brighter colors, color should always be considered with the surrounding environment to determine what kind of effect it may have on people.

"If a place is bright and beautiful, people won't dump their trash in beautiful surroundings," he said. "But if a place is dirty, people will be more likely to dump their trash there. Because a person is never in the presence of pure color, color alone may not have significant effects on emotions or moods."

Linkey said the beauty of surroundings, not only color, sends messages and creates moods.

"The most important thing for a setting is that it be pleasing and beautiful no matter what colors are within it."

Carrot Top inexpensive, even though he's red-hot

By Merritt Henderson
Reporter

He looks like a cross between Wendy and Ronald McDonald, has a trunk full of outrageous stuff and packed Marco's in the Memorial Student Center Sunday night in the Springfest kick-off.

He's none other than Carrot Top.

"The turnout was overwhelming," said Jay Wright, Student Activities graduate assistant. "This was the best turnout for a comedy event

ever."

With about 500 people in attendance, the only problems encountered were an underactive popcorn machine and Carrot Top's expectations, Wright said.

"I think he expected a bigger place to work," Matt DeMarco, comedy series co-chairman, said. "It ran off the cuff and I think he's used to everything being really planned."

Wright said Carrot Top, the recently named 1993 National Association of Campus Activities Entertainment Campus

Entertainer of the Year, is limiting his number of dates in an effort to leave the college circuit and concentrate on his new-found success.

Completing his second Showtime special, Carrot Top, a.k.a. Scott Thompson, hails from Cocoa, Fla., and is a veteran of Fox's "Comic Strip Live", "Star Search", and MTV's "Half-hour Comedy Hour" and "Spring Break Special."

CEU contracted Carrot Top last semester before he achieved stardom and before

his price skyrocketed. "We got him for about \$1200 cheaper than what he's going for now," Wright said.

Annemarie Merritt, coordinator of Student Activities, said Carrot Top was ideal for for this year's Springfest. "I think that Carrot Top was an awesome way to kick-off Springfest," Merritt said. "He's a well-known name and that's exciting for students."

Students who missed Carrot Top at Marshall can catch him May 24th on "The Tonight Show."

